

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Commissioner Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

It is noted that Commissioner Deeds is on vacation.

PERU PARK BOARD

Mark Hall brought a proposal to the Board that the Park Board would like help with. There are culverts on Park Drive that needs to be replaced. The Park Board has neither the equipment nor the know how to do the job. They would like the Commissioners to allow our Highway Department crew to do the work and they would purchase the necessary material to do the job. The Board spoke with the head of the Park Department and he said it would be possible with the permission of the Board of Commissioners. The Board will discuss this with Mr. Waltz when he arrives for the meeting.

NIMS COMPLIANCE

Mike Peconga informed the Board that the State is saying that funding will be taken away if the compliance requirements are not met.

The EMA used a grant for knock boxes in August and he received a notice that if they do not pay for it first they cannot receive the funding. A motion to allow the Auditor's office to create the paper work to pay the claim so the funds may be reimbursed was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

GIS GRANT

Mike Peconga and the Board discussed the GIS that is sent from the State. The data is incorrect and there is no way of changing it from this end. Fort Wayne has received over \$1,000,000 for the district to distribute.

EXTENSION OFFICE

A request to purchase software for a camera set up for the Extension office was made by Mike Peconga. He said that Purdue has the set up the EMA is only purchasing the software for less than \$200. A motion to apply for the software grant was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. The motion passed 2-0.

COURT HOUSE SOUTH ENTRY AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER

The Board received a bid for a handicapped accessible entry system for the Court House. The bid from A1 Door Company will be taken under advisement.

BUSINESS STRATEGIES/FULL SERVICE BUSINESS COMPANY/JAIL FUNDING AND LEASING

Mike Lewensky told the Board that he works for a consulting firm that builds jails and other municipalities buildings. The business then leases the building/jail to the County for a monthly payment until the lease agreement is fulfilled and then there is a payoff amount of possibly one dollar. Mr. Lewensky said this saves on the cost of Bonding fees and legal fees associated with the Bonding process. There are no leased jails in Indiana but there are in the South Eastern part of the Country. Commissioner Boyer asked what States use this and Florida was mentioned. Commissioner Boyer asked if the BOC can use a lease or do we have to go our Legislature for permission to use this type of funding. No one knows. It was mentioned that Logansport leases their police cars. The Board and these gentlemen will be doing some research and getting back together to discuss the issue of leases further. Commissioner Hawley wants to know who has control over picking the architect and the building designs.

JUDGE BURKE/DISASTER PLAN

Judge Burke told the Board that she and Dan Banina had gone to a conference and they were given a template for EMA concerning a pandemic. The State is requiring a disaster plan to be drafted by the Courts in case of an event such as a tornado destroying the Court House. She stated it would be a minimal approach. The Board suggested the 4H fair grounds be used in an emergency situation and the 2nd choice would be to use a building at Grissom. Judge Burke will contact Jim Tidd to review what would be useable in such an event.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Sam Waltz and the Board discussed the additional appropriations requested in this month's Council meeting.

PERU PARK BOARD REQUEST CONTINUED:

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed the request for the Highway Department to replace 2 culverts on Park Drive with the park Board purchasing the materials to do the job. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to have

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the Highway Department personnel coordinate the effort to do the job needed. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

50 WEST GRAVEL ISSUE

Commissioner Hawley told Mr. Waltz to look at the excess gravel on 50 West. Mr. Waltz said he would.

JAIL DOCTOR

David Grund brought the contract to the Board to sign for the hiring of a new Jail Doctor. It is noted that the Sheriff had to negotiate a higher amount for this contract. The former Jail Doctor said he would have to ask for more money if he had stayed due to the work load of the jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to accept the contract for the new Jail Doctor at the new amounts. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

CONCRETE FOR HANDICAPPED RAMP

The Board received two bids for doing concrete work on the ramp of the Court House. One bid was from TT&T Concrete for \$12,600 and one was from CCI for \$15,275. A motion was to take under advisement until next week and to have Ken Einselen review the bids. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

PLAN COMMISSIONER VARIANCE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL KENNEL

Darrell Wooten brought an application for a variance for the property owned by Mr. Tigler. This is the same as when Joe Dickerhoff was the Animal Control Officer and the kennel was at his home. A motion to accept the variance for the dog kennel and animal control was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

PAYROLL SCHEDULE

The Board looked at the payroll schedules and discussed the pros and cons of moving to a 24 equal pay schedule. The Board will review these and come back next week for further discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

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